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SUBJ: NEW PARLIAMENT TO CONVENE DECEMBER 9 VICE DECEMBER 2

1. PM'S OFFICE ISSUED STATEMENT NOVEMBER 14 CHANGING DATE FOR INITIAL CONVENING OF PARLIAMENT TO DECEMBER 9 VICE DECEMBER 2. ANGELOS VLACHOS, MINISTER TO PM, STATED THAT PRESIDENTIAL DECREE TO EFFECT THIS CHANGE HAS BEEN ISSUED AND WILL BE GAZETTED SHORTLY. VLACHOS EXPLAINED THAT POSTPONEMENT NECESSARY BECAUSE REFERENDUM ON MONARCHY ISSUE WILL BE HELD DECEMBER 8. SINCE ORIGINAL DECEMBER 2 DATE FOR CONVENING OF PARLIAMENT WAS ALSO SET BY PRESIDENTIAL DECREE (ATHENS-7344) IT CAN BE CHANGED IN SAME MANNER.

2. IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT PM CARAMANLIS MAY HAVE DECIDED ON SHIFT IN DATES TO SIDESTEP RECENT CHARGES BY BOTH CU AND PASOK LEADERS THAT IF PARLIAMENT CONVENED DECEMBER 2 IT MIGHT BE IN POSITION TO MANIPULATE OUTCOME ON MONARCHY ISSUE IN PARTISAN MANNER. ADDITIONALLY, FACT THAT PARLIAMENT WILL NOT CONVENE UNTIL AFTER DECEMBER 8 REFERENDUM WILL WORK TO PM'S ADVANTAGE IN THAT HIS PARLIAMENTARY OPPONENTS NOW PRECLUDED FROM INITIATING CONTENTIOUS DEBATE THAT COULD HAVE COMPELLED NEA DEMOKRATIA DEPUTIES TO TAKE
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